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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement mailed January 16, 2008, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, including claims 10 and 13, drawn to a method of inhibiting cysteine protease. The Examiner indicates in the restriction requirement that claims 1-7, 9, 12, and 15-20 will be included in the search and examination in whichever group Applicants elect.

Applicants further elect the compound of Example 1, i.e., N~1--[Cyano(2-methoxyphenyl)methyl]-N~2--(2-morpholin-4-ylpyrimidin-4-yl)-L-leucinamide, as the single species. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 18-20 read on the elected species.

The election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the rights to pursue claims directed to additional species upon allowance of a generic claim.

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